THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) During the Year 2000-2001, total length of 5727 km. of State roads including 220 km. in Gujarat have been upgraded into National Highways.

Action-plan to link road network with major ports

2751. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action-plans to link road network with the major ports;

(b) whether their feasibility studies have been completed; and

(c) if so, the details of the port in Gujarat to be linked with road network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: The details of the action plan for the projects to link road network with major ports in the country are given in the Statement (*See* Below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In Gujarat, improvement of road connectivity to Kandla Port is under implementation by four-laning of Samkhiali-Gandhidham section of National Highway-8A.

Statement

Port Connectivity Projects

Sl. No.	Port	Stretches for Development	Length in Km.	Likely date of completion
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Paradip	National Highway-5A (From Km.. 0 to Km. 74)	74	September, 2005
2.	Haldia	National Highway-41 (From Kolaghat on NH-6 to Haldia)	53	April, 2005

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Vishakha-patnam	State Road	12	April, 2005
4.	Chennai & Ennore	Chennai-Ennore Expressway	6	December, 2005
5.	Tuticorin	National Highway-7A (Tuticorin-Tirunelveli section)	51	September, 2005
6.	Cochin	National Highway-47 (From Km. 348/382 to Km. 358/300 including 5 bridges)	10	June, 2005
7.	New Mangalore	National Highway-17 (Kasargodu-Mangalore-Udupi Section) and National Highway-48 (Mangalore-Bantwal section)	37	September, 2005
8.	Mormugao	National Highway-17B (From Port to Verna Junction on NH-17)	18	September, 2003
9.	Jawaharlal Nehru Port	National Highway-4B+ National Highway-4, State Highway-54 +Amra Marg + Panvel Creek bridge	30 10 6	April, 2005
10.	Kandla	National Highway-8A (Samkhiali-Gandhidham)	56	June, 2002

Construction of Kolkata-Bangkok Highway

2752. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct Kolkata and Bangkok highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;